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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 0259

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR MOPS MR SS

SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: POLISARIO ATTACKS AUSERT

1. SPANISH DIPLOMAT INFORMED EMBOFF OVER WEEKEND THAT POLISARIO FORCES LAUNCHED MAJOR ATTACK DURING MORNING JANUARY 31 AGAINST AUSERT, SAHARAN VILLAGE CAPTURED BY MAURITANIAN/MOROCCAN TROOPS ON JANUARY 24. MAURITANIANS REPORTEDLY TOOK HEAVY POUNDING DURING FOUR-HOUR LONG BATTLE AND SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CASUALTIES. IN COURSE OF FIGHTING, MAURITANIAN FORCES WERE EITHER UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO LEAVE STABLISHED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN AND AROUND AUSERT TO CARRY ATTACK BACK TO ENEMY.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT RUMORS OF POSSIBLE VIETNAMESE AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT ON BEHALF OF POLISARIO INSIDE WESTERN  
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SAHARA, SPANISH DIPLOMAT REPLIED HE DID NOT BELIEVE

THERE IS ANY SUCH PARTICIPATION.HANDYSIDE

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